

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;  
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Modification of Mail Classification  
Schedule Regarding the Issuance  
of New Forever Stamps

Docket No. MC2015-42

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING  
MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

(Issued March 26, 2015)

I. INTRODUCTION

On March 25, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice of minor classification changes under Commission rules 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks to add non-denominated, non-expiring (“Forever”) status to stamps in five different First-Class Mail stamp categories: (1) a postcard stamp, (2) the two-ounce letter stamp, (3) the three-ounce letter stamp, (4) the additional ounce stamp, and (5) the first ounce nonmachinable surcharge stamp, as well as modify the definition of Forever stamps. Notice at 1. The Postal

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Minor Classification Changes Related to the Issuance of Forever Stamp Status to the Postcard, Two-Ounce, Three-Ounce, Additional Ounce, and Nonmachinable Surcharge Stamps, March 25, 2015 (Notice).

Service presents these proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) in Attachment 1 to the Notice. See Notice, Attachment 1.

The Postal Service states that the proposed changes reflect its objective to simplify the transactions associated with price changes. Notice at 2. It also seeks to eliminate the need for customers and the Postal Service to acquire and distribute new denominated stamps when a prices change occurs. *Id.* The Postal Service states that the proposed changes are minor in nature and are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. *Id.* at 1, n.1, and 3.

## II. NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.92, the Commission has posted the Notice on its website and invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in Docket No. MC2015-42 are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020 subpart E. Comments are due no later than April 2, 2015. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Kenneth E. Richardson to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

## III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2015-42 to consider matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 505, Kenneth E. Richardson is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments by interested persons are due by April 2, 2015.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary